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**To: John Carlson**

**Executive Director California Fish & Game  
Commission**

**October 15, 2007**

**Dear Sir,**

**This week marks public meetings in Gualala, California in regards to increasing marine preserves that would impact commercial and recreational fishing off shore. As I am unable to attend, I wanted to voice my opinion on how important I feel the recreation and healthful pastime of gathering and fishing off our coast is for us in this modern age. The time of corporate management of all our food sources is coming under fire, and more and more people want to return to sustainable and untainted foods grown near where they live.**

**The idea of coastal access and keeping wild areas accessible to the public is a cornerstone concept of all American hero's, from past presidents to literary giants to artists, and this includes our basic idea of freedom. When the working man only has his cubicle of an overpriced house and his job to go to in California, I don't see much point in living near all this natural beauty that will be "off bounds".**

**I would rather see the commission work in tandem with law enforcement (including the department Fish & Game and The Coast Guard) to monitor illegal**

**taking of marine life, as I see that as the real culprit that can impact marine populations. Keeping oil platforms off our coast and cleaning up our waterways that feed into the ocean may be more the answer we seek in securing healthy marine life, not just for the sport fisherman and food suppliers, but for generations to come.**

**Is it the goal of the Commission to make the entire coastline of California off limits to fishing?**

**Sincerely yours,  
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